

EXCHANGE OF NOTES (JUNE 23 AND 27, 1944) BETWEEN CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT RESPECTING THE PAYMENT OF EXPENDITURES ON DEFENCE INSTALLATIONS IN CANADA AND IN LABRADOR

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*The Canadian Ambassador at Washington to the Secretary of State of the United States*

CANADIAN EMBASSY

WASHINGTON, June 23, 1944.

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SIR,

I have the honour to refer to the exchange of notes between the Governments of Canada and the United States dated January 27, 1943, regarding the post-war disposition of defence projects and installations constructed in Canada by the Government of the United States.<sup>1</sup> These notes approved the 28th Recommendation of the Permanent Joint Board on Defence, which said in part:—

The Board considered the question of the post-war disposition of the defence projects and installations which the Government of the United States has built or may build in Canada. The Board noted that the two Governments have already reached specific agreements for the post-war disposition of most of the projects and installations thus far undertaken. It considers that such agreements are desirable and should be made whenever possible.

The Board recommends the approval of the following formula as a generally fair and equitable basis to be used by reference whenever appropriate in the making of agreements in the future and to cover such defence projects, if any, the post-war disposition of which has not previously been specifically provided for:—

A: All immovable defence installations built or provided in Canada by the Government of the United States shall within one year after the cessation of hostilities, unless otherwise agreed by the two governments, be relinquished to the Crown either in the right of Canada or in the right of the province in which the same or any part thereof lies, as may be appropriate under Canadian law.

2. As hereinafter explained, the two governments have agreed that special arrangements should be made relating to permanent United States air installations in Canada and to the telephone line from Edmonton to the Alaska boundary built by the United States government.

3. In note No. 643 of December 18, 1943, I informed you that the Canadian Government "will not accept payment from the United States Government for the construction of any permanent facilities or improvements made by the Canadian Government on United States Government account on airfields in

(1) For these notes see *Canada Treaty Series 1943, No. 2.*